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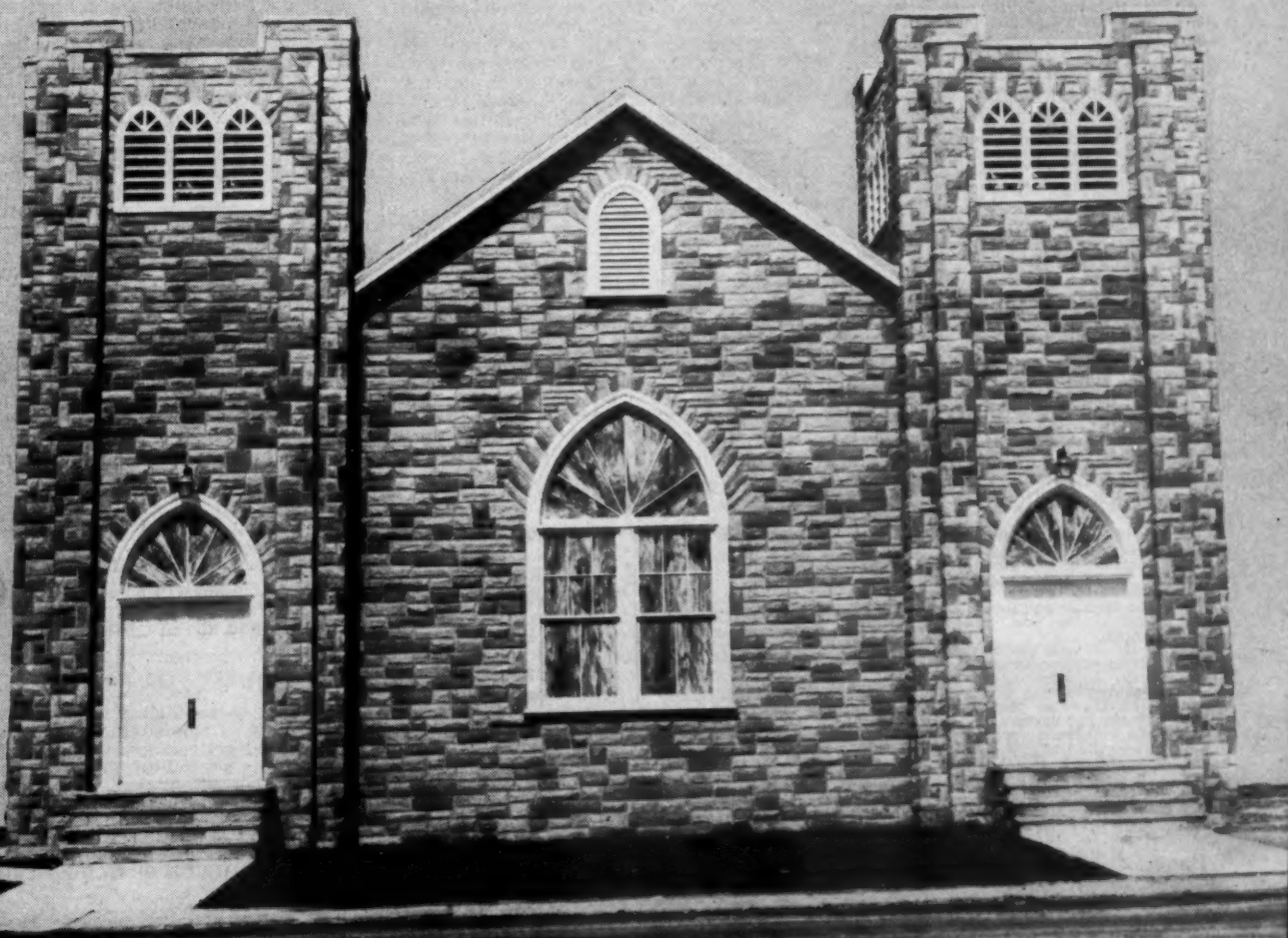
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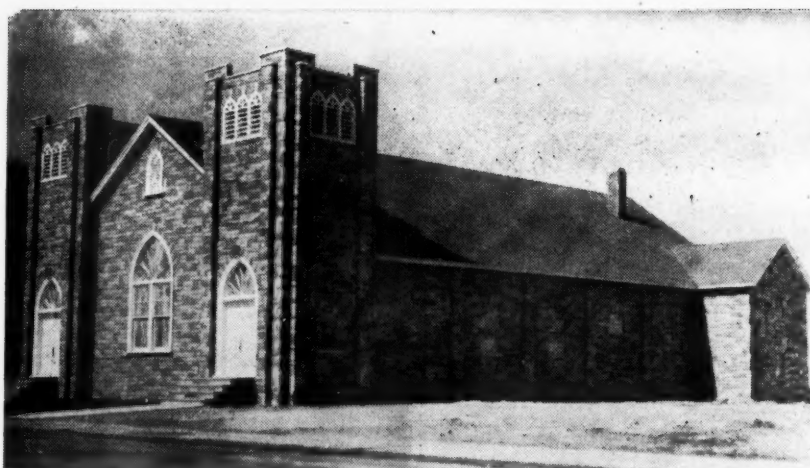
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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
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3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.



COVER PICTURE

On Sunday morning, March 18, the doors of the new Church of God on Maryland Avenue in Crisfield, Md., were opened to welcome a record crowd to the dedication of the new church. There was an all-day service, with inspiring addresses and messages being brought by many esteemed persons. The afternoon service was climaxed by a wonderful dedicatory sermon by our state overseer, Rev. G. W. Lane. As the crowds streamed in, you could see a look of admiration and pride for their new church spread across their face. This was something Crisfield had needed for so long.

The building is modern in every way and is a formstone building of pleasing and attractive design. The main auditorium measures 42 feet by 70 feet, and is furnished with new pews and a pulpit to match. The walls are a lovely white plaster, with beautiful light fixtures and stained glass windows, which add to the beauty of the entire auditorium. The floors are of hardwood, which are finished to blend with the furniture. There are 9 Sunday School rooms and an office for the pastor. The building is valued at \$70,000, but with much effort on the part of all the members, and especially the good pastor, it cost only \$29,874.

Crisfield has long needed a building like this, and when our pastor, Rev.

W. T. Morefield, came here 5 years ago, he wanted to begin building, but there were hindrances which caused a delay. One morning about 4 o'clock, the Lord dealt with Brother Morefield in his bed and gave him the plans for the church. He started immediately on the project, and all opposition faded. Since that time he has worked both day and night to get the church done in record time. He designed, laid out, and completed the structure without the use of blueprints. We are very grateful for our pastor and the wonderful work he has done. The members, and some who were not members, worked with him, and it seemed they would not leave until they were near exhaustion. This is where the Willing Workers Band came in. They carried meals to the crew that was working, and raised money in almost every way possible. One month alone the Willing Workers raised \$600. Sister Morefield, the pastor's wife, is the president of the L.W.W.B., and she has been very faithful and worked hard to see the work go on.

Thank the Lord for such a good pastor and wife, and we hope they will remain with us until Jesus comes, to share the blessings of our new church. We are sure many souls will be saved as a result of this nice building where they can come to worship.—Stanley Killman, Reporter.

TELEGRAM

I am sending 639 EVANGEL subscriptions.—Earl P. Paulk, State Overseer of North Carolina.

Thanks a million, Brother Paulk. The 639 EVANGEL subscriptions and check for same have just arrived. I hope every state overseer will follow your example in boosting the circulation of our official Church organ.

THANKS

I thank our good overseer, Brother G. C. Hamby, all the ministers and laity of the Church of God, and all the friends we have out of the Church

of God for their prayers and interest in regard to my wife's illness. She has recovered, for which we praise and thank God and all of you good praying people.—A. B. Everett, Route 2, Hattiesburg, Miss.

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REQUEST FOR PRAYER

My brother has T. B. and is in Camp Lejeune, N. C. I should appreciate someone who lives near there going and praying with him. His address is Pfc. S. R. Murray, 662855, E Co., 2 Bn., 6th Marines, 2nd Mari. Div., F.M.F., Camp Lejeune, N. C.

EDITORIALS...

May we pray: Our heavenly Father, we thank you for the preservation of our lives through another week. Grant that your children will not only worship you in the beauty of holiness, but help us, as Christians, to think on just what you would have each of us to DO and BE for your highest glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

CHRISTIANS ARE TO BE

LIGHTS. "Ye are the light of the world." How do we become the light of the world? That is a reasonable question, and here is the answer: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee **LIGHT**." This simply means that every born-again person is illuminated by Jesus Christ. That is, if we are **LIGHTS**, it is because we have been made alive by Jesus. "In him was life, and the life was the **LIGHT** of men." Christ said of Himself, "I am the **LIGHT** of the world." He lights the world, spiritually, through the Christians in that He shines in and through our lives, for, as the moon has no light of its own, but reflects the light of the sun, so are we only the reflectors of the glorious **LIGHT**—Jesus Christ, the Sun of righteousness.

It would surprise many of you to know just how many pilgrims you are furnishing **light**. On the other hand, there are some of you who are such poor reflectors of Jesus that pedestrians are losing their path, trying to walk by your **light**. Jesus said again, "Let your **light** so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The lamplighter was seen clearly at first as he lifted the torch and lit the lamp, but as he made his way down the street, soon only his shadow could be seen. Then his shadow was gone. He was gone, his shadow was gone, but everyone knew what he had done and the way he had gone by the **lights** that he had left burning. With what are you, my Christian friend, marking your journey through life?

It was said of Jesus that He was "a **light** to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." Jesus said of John the Baptist, "He was a burning and a shining **light**." The Lord said of Paul and Barnabas, "I have set thee to be a **light** to the Gentiles that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." What kind of a **light** are you? a torch that is outmoded? a lantern that is replaced? No one enjoys seeing just one step at a time! a candle? a lamp? That won't do. These are days of the lovely incandescent and fluorescent lights for the home. Your home needs the very best light you can give to it—fathers, mothers! There are too many **FLASHLIGHT** Christians—that kind that flashes on and off so much that it is hard to tell whether they are **LIT** or **OUT**. These dark days demand of us that we not only be **FLOODLIGHTS** for God and His church, but that we **SHINE CONSTANTLY**.

The only thing that is to render a light bulb ineffective is for current—power—to run through it until it has burned its light-life away. Our lives are to stay charged with the Holy Ghost so that when death claims us it can be said that "we burned our light-life away, giving **LIGHT** to those about us." The Lord bless you.

THE N.A.E.'s NINTH BIRTHDAY

The official delegation has just returned from the Ninth Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals. The Convention began April 10 and continued through the 13th. It was held in the Congress Hotel, with the exception of the last night. This year's Convention theme was "Exalt Christ," and to show how Christ-centered the program was, I give you a list of the subjects spoken on by various and outstanding speakers: "Exalt Christ," "Exalting Christ in the Church," "Exalting Christ in N.A.E. Regional Work," "Exalting Christ in Evangelism," "Exalting Christ in Missions," "Reaching Men for Christ," "Exalting Christ in Christian Schools," "Exalting Christ in World Relief," "Exalting Christ in Industry," "Exalting Christ in the Home," "Exalting Christ in International

Relations," "Exalting Christ in the Sunday School," "Exalting Christ in Radio," "Exalting Christ in Government"—and the address on this last subject was delivered by Honorable Charles W. Tobey, Senator of New Hampshire, known throughout the nation for his great work as a member of the recent Crime Investigation Committee. The subjects here listed not only give full proof of the Christ-centeredness of the program, but also the Christ-centeredness of the N.A.E. itself.

Although the N.A.E. is still in its infancy, its national and international efforts to exalt the name of Jesus Christ through every evangelical channel of the numerous denominations and individual church affiliates have given to it an approximate constituency of ten million. It is not only a matter of profound interest, but gratifying as well, to attend the N.A.E. Convention and, whether in general session, committee work, or work study groups, to behold the spirit of cooperation, unanimity, and great care shown to assure every person his right, regardless of his denominational creeds and doctrines.

The N.A.E. Conventions are not only times for Christian fellowship and hearing great ministers deal with outstanding and important subjects, but they're times of work, especially for those who are on committees; in fact, one is made to wonder just how those at the top level, upon whose shoulders the larger part of the responsibility rests, are able to hold up. Then, too, the N.A.E. Convention means a time of ardent, careful study through the means of work study groups on such commissions as Higher Education: (a) Theological Seminaries, (b) Colleges, (c) Secondary Divisions, (d) National Association of Christian Schools, (e) Elementary Schools, (f) Secondary Schools, (g) North American Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges; Commission on Evangelical Action, Evangelical Youth Commission, Evangelical Foreign Mission Association, National Sunday School Association, Commission on International Relations, National Religious Broadcaster, Commission on Evangelism, Laymen's Advisory Council, and Women's Fellowship. All of these commissions are given the morning hours, and the entire Convention is divided up into study groups in an exploratory effort to arrive at better means and methods of promoting each phase of the National Evangelical Association's work. It is evident that the work of the ninth Convention added to the N.A.E. great impetus.

These are momentous times; in fact, the church has never been challenged like it is being challenged today. Evil forces are rising up against us and would be delighted to sweep Christianity from the face of the earth. I am sure we are all aware of the fact that two of our most desperate enemies are Communism and Catholicism; however, there are many, many more. Yet, in our unity there is strength, and I feel that the N.A.E. is serving a great purpose, and will, under proper guidance and with God's blessings upon it, accomplish even greater good as it grows and extends its influence.

JOURNALISTIC OBTRUSIVENESS

Of all the people of all professions who should have steel nerves, courage, stamina, and "stick-to-itiveness," it is the journalist, and especially religious journalists; but, to tell you the truth about it, I am finding perfidy, equivocating, compromising, sugar-coating to be the disposition of so many religious journalists, saying nothing about the newspaper, secular type, that I am embarrassed. Especially is it disconcerting to know that there are those well versed in Christian journalism and who are fortunate to be head instructors of this great subject in Christian schools, colleges, and seminaries, who are so completely unschooled in theological terminology as to consider even the most sacred, essential phrases and expressions of Christian theology obsolete, nonessential, and an impediment to the Christian cause.

For instance, it is contended by one of the most outstanding scholars in this field that some of the most cherished and identifying terms of Christian fundamentalists are so vague, difficult, and mysterious that the youth and uneducated are confused to the point of not only being kept in stark ignorance of what constitutes Christian religion, but many give up in despair of ever coming to an understanding knowledge of the brain-teaser terms.

Here are some of the terms considered so nonessential:

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Soul Winning

By Rev. G. D. McNair, Neshoba, Miss.

In Proverbs 11:30, we find these words, "And he that winneth souls is wise." It seems that in these last days the religious world has forgotten what the wise man said about the greatest business of all the world—that of soul winning. In this modern and streamlined age, men and women are schooled and trained in the art of a business of some kind in order to meet competition and earn a livelihood. Methods of business are continually changing in this changing world in order to meet changing conditions, but the art of the business of soul winning has never changed from that laid down and recorded on the sacred pages of the Book of all books. Oh, yes, men have tried to improve upon the method, and many are trying to do it in a modern, streamlined way, but the results are but a failure.

Many churches that once had an old-fashioned altar, where men and women, boys and girls, knelt to pray and poured out their hearts to God until they found an experience with God that was real and actually wrought a change in their hearts and lives, have removed these altars, and the services have become dry and formal. Empty benches and chairs are to be found instead of packed houses and crowded church yards. Sad to say, but it is true that the services in many of our Pentecostal churches, yes, even in the Church of God, have become cold, empty, and void, many times, of the manifestation of the real Spirit of God and are no longer filling stations for the hungry hearts of men and women who are really longing for that something which only the Holy Ghost can supply. We need more preachers like John the Baptist, who will demand the fruits of repentance in their converts and not be afraid to tell them they must forsake the old way of living, make restitution, pay up the old debts, confess to their neighbors, and make the old paths straight. This "soft soaped" religion that won't make men straighten out their crooked lives isn't worth very much. I fear that too many of us like good reports. That is fine, but I had rather have one to get salvation the old-fashioned way, the Bible way like John the Baptist preached, than to report five who get it like some reports of which I know.

People enjoy our programs, I am quite sure; but listen, brother, the inward man craves something deeper and more lasting. People are hungry for the power and real manifestation of the Holy Ghost, instead of just a program every time. Don't misunderstand me. A program is fine, occasionally, but we, I fear, are depending too much on such, and too often the Holy Ghost is crowded out by the program. Too often the preacher monopolizes all the time of the service when perhaps the Holy Ghost wanted to use some humble layman who did not have a chance to express himself. Sometimes a real burning testimony from some saint of God can do

more good than the preacher's sermon. Too many are majoring in our program organization—educational program, financial drives, church membership, beautiful church buildings, and a lot of church machinery, which is all fine, well, and good in its place, but all these can never take the place of the important business of soul winning. Some of us, I fear, are too busy with running our church machinery, playing politics, and carrying out our programs; and so busy going to rallies and raising money, which is good and necessary, but not too much, until we just don't have time to get down to the task of interceding for lost souls and praying for mighty revivals.

Oh, yes, we do a lot of talk about revivals, and often we send in reports that we had so many revivals during the year; but, honest now, brother, were they revivals or just meetings? Talking about revivals and praying for revivals are two different things. In Isa. 66:8, we read, "As soon as Zion (church) travailed, she brought forth her children." Now, travelling is not putting over some big program or just having a big time shouting; not launching a so-called revival with some mail-order evangelist to do the preaching. But notice, when she travailed she brought forth her children. When we travail, agonize, cry out from within, become burdened for the lost, suffer some real agony because of being alarmed that men and women are lost; when we spend more time in secret prayer and less time gossiping then we can have a revival that will move things for God. There was a time when the saints of God would weep and go under a heavy burden for the lost. Things happened then. But now, the mail-order evangelist comes, and we do a lot of shouting instead of weeping. After our victory in the revival is won is the time to shout. Yes, I believe in shouting when the victory has been won.

Too often a big report goes in when there has been only a good program. Spiritually speaking, it was lifeless; no one was blessed. We go home, and a month afterward all we can remember or see as results of the so-called revival is the report—no new-born souls, no hungry hearts fed, but, rather, the church is often disappointed, God mocked, and we become discouraged. Solomon did not tell us to erect a magnificent church building, raise a lot of money, put over some special program, which is well and good, but this holds second place, and old-fashioned soul winning must come first. Solomon said in our text, "He that winneth souls is wise."

In this modern age, instead of letting the Holy Ghost lead us and send us just the evangelist or pastor we need, and who, by being God-sent, could really bless the church, often we take the situation in our own hands, and say, "We want Brother and Sister So and So, and if we can't get whom we want, we won't have this or



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that." As a result, the sweet Spirit of God is grieved; our church and its influence becomes crippled; our services become dry and formal, like the modern churches; then we begin to wonder why we can't have good services as we have had in times past. I can think of nothing worse in a community than a church without a good influence. If we would seek the will of God, submit to His divine will and quit being stubborn, God would bless us, and our services would be as God would have them be. In Heb. 13:8, we read, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." God is just as willing and ready to bless as He ever was, and when we submit ourselves unto the Holy Ghost and let Him have His way; when we poor, weak, ignorant and selfish people quit trying to have our own way about everything; when we, as a people of God do this, God will again use us as vessels in the Potter's hand. May the dear Lord bless each of you.

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OLD-FASHIONED REVIVALS

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—We started a meeting at Memphis, February 19; it ran until the 23d. The crowds increased and interest was high. There was such interest that the pastor, Rev. C. E. Richard, insisted that we come back the next week, so on February 26, we started the meeting again, and it ran to March 8. There were 5 saved, 7 sanctified, 10 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 10 added to the church, and several healed. One man who was almost drawn double with appendicitis was healed. God healed him, and he attended the revival every night and was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, for which we praise God.—S. B. McCane, Pastor, Marked Tree, Ark.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The Lord surely is blessing in Sacramento. We just had a 5 weeks' revival in which there were 32 saved, 22 sanctified, 24 filled with the Holy Ghost, 17 baptized in water, and 12 added to the church. Brother Robert Holms was the evangelist. He was a blessing to the church, and we believe he would be a blessing to any church. Everyone enjoyed his good preaching, singing, and piano playing. The revival fire is continuing to burn in our services. There have been 2 saved, 1 sanctified, 1 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water, and 12 more added to the church since the close of the revival. There has been a big increase in our Sunday School, also. We truly praise the Lord for what He is doing for us here, and we do appreciate the good people here.—Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Stancil.

BIGTIMBER, Mont.—The Bigtimber church has just enjoyed 2 weeks of the greatest outpouring in its history. Twenty-six have been gloriously baptized with the Holy Ghost, 8 saved, and 10 new members added to the church. The revival was preceded by a week of prayer and fasting. The revival fire is still burning, with 3 having prayed through after the meeting closed. We feel that Rev. O. Roset, of North Portal, Canada, was definitely led in coming here. His ministry was mightily anointed of God. We believe he would be a blessing to any church. The church has enjoyed a marked growth numerically, spiritually, and materially in the past few months, and we anticipate even greater in the months ahead.—Arnold E. Erickson, Pastor.

ALEXANDER CITY, Ala.—We have just had a great revival, which ran for 4 weeks. Nine were saved, 6 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 8 added to the church. Three came into the church just before the revival began. We also have a goodly number to be baptized. God is blessing us here. Brother and Sister W. L. Myers were our evangelists.—W. W. Parker, Pastor.

TELEGRAM

In a wonderful revival at No. 2 Wall-halla, S. C., with Rev. J. E. Houston as the evangelist.—R. V. Dillingham, Pastor.

BRODHEAD, Ky.—On February 19, Sister Mattie McIntosh began a revival here which ended March 17. The church certainly enjoyed a good revival and Sister McIntosh was a great blessing to the church. She made many friends and endeared herself to the hearts of many of our people. Our Y.P.E. attendance hit a high record, and the church and Sunday School attendances were exceptionally good. There were 21 confessions, 5 sanctified, 1 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 3 baptized in water, and 3 added to the church, for which we truly give God all the honor and praise. Sister McIntosh will also do your church good.—R. N. Ballinger, Pastor.

PATETOWN, N. C.—We have had a wonderful revival, conducted by Brother E. L. Moore, of Wilson, N. C. Brother Moore is a wonderful man of God and he preaches old-time Holy Ghost salvation. He would be a great blessing to any church. There were 14 saved, 9 sanctified, 12 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 8 added to the church. We thank God for our wonderful pastor, Rev. Herman Smith, and family. They have surely been a blessing to the church at Patetown.—Nettie Gooding, Clerk.

RICHMOND DALE, Ohio—We have recently had a wonderful revival, with Rev. D. R. Moreland as our evangelist. The revival lasted 6½ weeks, during which time 10 were saved, 6 sanctified, and 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brother Moreland's deeply spiritual, pungent, heart-searching messages brought conviction to the sinner and stirred the saints to a closer walk with God. Our people highly appreciated Brother Moreland's ministry with us. Even though the revival has closed, the revival spirit still lingers with us. Since the close of the revival, 5 have been saved, 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 8 added to the church, all adults. For the past several weeks, not a Sunday night has gone by without someone receiving a definite experience at an altar of prayer. On Easter morning we had 133 in Sunday School, the largest Sunday School attendance in several years. We praise God for the way He is blessing us here in Richmond Dale.—Harold T. Phillips, Pastor.

BLOSSOM, Texas.—We have had one of the greatest revivals the people in Blossom have ever witnessed. Souls were stirred, and we had large crowds every night. Several nights our church wouldn't hold the people. We had to borrow chairs from another church to accommodate the crowd, which

came from far and near. There were 20 saved, 7 sanctified, and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost. God is surely working among the people and convicting them of sin. There are some to be baptized in water and others are planning to unite with the church. The evangelists were Brother and Sister Mahoe, of Honolulu, Hawaii. They are musicians and singers. Brother Mahoe plays the Hawaiian steel guitar, and they both preach. I recommend them to any church. They will prove a blessing to the people and the church with their Holy Ghost preaching and singing. Pray for the Blossom Church of God that we may win more souls for the glory of God.—T. J. O'Neal, pastor.

CROSS KEYS, S. C.—We had a 2 weeks' revival in February, with Rev. Henry Osborne, of Whitmire, doing the preaching. Eight were saved, 3 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the church. Four have been added to the church since the revival. On the last night of the revival we received a love offering of \$10.40 for 3 little orphan children who come to our church. We bought 2 of them new outfits for Easter, and the Sunday School donated \$10 to dress the other one up. The Lord is blessing in every department of the church. The evangelist's offering was \$67. This is a small church, with a membership of around 15 or 16, but the church is on the upward move, under the leadership of our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Russell Nelson. We really appreciate him and his family. Our church is made of cement blocks, and the cost is estimated to be around \$3,000. It is a little less than 2 years old and is free of debt. We are planning to build Sunday School rooms in the near future. We have a wonderful spirit among our people, and we are praying that that spirit will continue in our midst.—Church Reporter.

WEST GREEN, Ga.—We have had a 4 weeks' revival, with 33 saved, a number sanctified, 18 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 9 added to the church, with more to follow. Sister Mae Terry was our evangelist. The church here at West Green was greatly blessed by her preaching. She will be a blessing to any church.—Cecil Hand, Pastor.

MT. VALE, Tenn.—Another revival has come to a close. Brother Eli Cannon was the evangelist, and God blessed him in a wonderful way. The revival closed on Saturday night, but broke out again on Sunday morning. One was saved that morning and on Sunday night she was sanctified. We can't praise the Lord enough for what He has done for us here. He meets with us in each service.—Viola Kimbrough, Clerk.

The Power of Prayer

By Margaret L. Watson, Timonium, Maryland

Matt. 16:15-19, "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Here we find that Peter had been praying, and by prayer and faith we see that he had a wonderful revelation. God had revealed Jesus to Peter as His Son. Peter believed and accepted Jesus as the only begotten Son of God, the one and only Foundation of a living Christian faith, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth, Christ, the church's one and only Foundation. Peter became a part of that true church. Then Jesus gave unto him the keys of the kingdom and Peter's life was begun by prayer and faith in the living God. When Peter received the keys to the kingdom, it was the power of a life of prayer and living faith; so, by prayer and faith, God is moved on the throne by the cries of His praying people, and by the power of prayer we can come into the secret of His presence. Here at the feet of Jesus we can present our humble petition.

Yes, prayer brings us into divine touch with heaven. All things are accomplished by prayer and faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God. Prayer is the sincere desire of the soul. Prayer is the strength of the Christian's life. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." By much prayer and communion with God, we find grace to stand against the wiles of Satan. A man or woman who gives little time to prayer has little or no victory. The secret of the Christian's success is prayer and faith in God. Getting alone with God in travelling prayer and faith will bring many souls to the fountain of life. A praying church will keep the fire of God burning on the altar, will keep the pastor's soul filled with the fire of God, and will send the message of God burning its way into the many hearts that have been touched and broken up by the power of prayer.

We read in 1 Kings 18:30-38 how Elijah, by the power of prayer, put to shame the false prophets of Baal and called down fire from heaven upon the altar of the Lord. In verse thirty-eight, Elijah prayed, and the fire fell and consumed the sacrifice. When the Church of God prays until our prayers go through, the fire of God will fall again; sinners will be converted and

sanctified; believers will be filled with the Holy Ghost; and there will be an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival that will sweep through the churches. I am glad we still have some old-fashioned Holy-Ghost-filled saints of God who know how to pray until the fire falls and God reaches down His hand to lift up the fallen. We see them praying through and shouting the victory.

In Mark 16, the last verses, we find that by the power of prayer the deaf are made to hear, the blind to see, the dumb made to speak, and the lame to walk. Thank God, and by the power of prayer and faith, devils are cast out, and men are clothed in their right mind and go on their way rejoicing, witnessing for Jesus. In Dan. 3:22-27, we read how God delivered three Hebrew children from the fiery furnace by the power of prayer and faith. Then we read in Dan. 6:10, how Daniel meets opposition and is delivered from the den of lions by the power of prayer. Thank God for the privilege of prayer. Many times since the Lord saved me I have met with opposition, have been tested and tried, have had many fiery trials, and each one has been met and overcome by the power of prayer. Prayer is the key to the kingdom—faith unlocks the door and brings deliverance. Many churches today are in a powerless state because of the lack of prayer. We see the altar filled with souls seeking salvation, and there is not enough power in the church to give the seekers strength and courage to lift up their hands to the Lord. Then we hear people say they wonder why. Well, it's because there is a lack of prayer and obedience to God and His Word. There is too much gossip in the church and not enough prayer, too much envy and strife, too much jealousy and not enough love. Jesus said, "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another." The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. God has not limited His power to a church that will obey the Word and spend much time in prayer and seeking God. Many times we find that the pastor or evangelist has to do the preaching, the altar work, and lead the song service. This should not be. We read in Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." But to keep this power, and to keep the Holy Ghost living within, we must stay in an attitude of prayer. Pray much, keep the fire burning, and there will be power in the church; but the lack of prayer will cause the fire to die out. The Holy Ghost is in the church today and will reprove sin and all unrighteousness, and if people will humble themselves and pray and seek God, then God will hear from heaven and will heal their land. He will bind up the broken hearts and put shouts of victory in the soul. Thank God for the prayer life. Sin cannot have control over the heart that is surrendered to

God. The power of prayer will bring victory all the time.

In Acts 16:23-27, we find Paul and Silas in jail after they were beaten with many stripes. Chains and shackles bound them, but at midnight they sang a song and prayed, and by the power of prayer an earthquake shook the prison, broke the shackles and set them free. They were men of prayer and faith and power. The jailer was converted, and there was shouting in the camp. Well, brother and sister, if you want your church to be on fire for God, just stop grumbling and start praying. Don't be a seat warmer, but be a willing worker for the Lord. Stop gossiping and spend your time in prayer. Stop carrying envy and strife in your heart and let the fire of God be kindled anew on the altar of your heart. Lift up the pastor's hands in prayer, then the joy of the Lord will fill your heart. We find in Acts 2:44-47 how the Church of God was established by the power of prayer, and I am persuaded to believe that it will live on by the power of prayer, and by the power of prayer will rise to meet the Lord in the air when He comes as the lightning flashes from the one end of heaven to the other, and will go up in the rapture with Jesus. But we must keep prayed up, filled up, and ready to rise and go. Let me encourage you, brothers and sisters, to spend more time in prayer seeking God for an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival. Remember, by the power of prayer the revival will come; many souls will find God; and these signs will follow them that believe. "By prayer and supplication let your request be made known unto the Lord."

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LEE COLLEGE

NEW MATH. TEACHER



MRS. VIVIAN PRATT

Mrs. Vivian Pratt, of Gettysburg, South Dakota, is teaching in the Mathematics Department. She is a graduate of Northern State Teachers' College, Aberdeen, South Dakota, and of Northwest Bible School of Minot, North Dakota.

Mrs. Pratt is the former Miss Vivian Becker who was a member of the Lee College faculty two years ago.

ACTIVITIES OF LEE COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord..." That is what Lee College believes in, and that is what the Music Department is doing this year more than ever before. Quartets, trios, duets, soloists, choruses, choirs, and classes have joined in praising the Lord in song, not only here on the campus, but out in the community and in our churches.

One of the largest groups of singers on the campus is the Mixed Chorus, under the direction of Mr. W. H. Yates. The chorus, composed of about 52 members, has a wide repertoire of semi-classics, spirituals, gospel songs, and hymns. This group has made a number of week-end tours, appearing in churches in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, and South Carolina. During the last few weeks of this semester, the group is visiting local churches.

The College Choir, with Mrs. Meta is managed by Hugh Madaris, Georgia, who sings baritone, and has James

Sherman as sponsor, has not done any traveling yet but has done some fine singing in our programs on the campus. The choir is composed of six male voices and six female voices and does most of its singing a capella.

One of the newest musical groups on the campus is the Male Chorus, composed of four organized quartets, and about six other boys. Mr. A. T. Humphries, director and originator of the chorus, has done a fine job with this group, which proved to be very popular in one of our recent musical programs.

The greatest travelers in school seem to be the quartets. Each week end four quartets and their pianists take off from Lee in different directions to appear in churches and in concerts all over the South.

One of the best known of these quartets, the Continental Quartet, has been traveling for about three years. Of course, there has been some change in the personnel, but the manager and the pianist are the same, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Humphries. The personnel of the quartet is now as follows: Harvey Hudson, Florida, first tenor; Arnold Godwin, Florida, second tenor; A. T. Humphries, Michigan, baritone; and Ted Pendleton, Florida, bass.

Another promising group is the Happy Harmony Quartet, with Leon Ellis, of Florida, as manager and pianist. The members of the quartet are Horace Mauldin, Georgia, first tenor; Mac Symes, Tennessee, baritone; Ernest Pennington, West Virginia, second tenor; and Joe Anderson, Florida, bass.

Two of the more recently organized quartets are the Southern Melody Boys and the Messengers. The former group Welch, South Carolina, singing first

tenor; Merlin Bordelon, Louisiana, singing second tenor; and Ladson Ouzts, South Carolina, singing bass. Another South Carolinian, Joe South-erland, is pianist.

The Messengers, with Paul LaVerne Walker, of Ohio, as pianist and manager, is composed of R. L. Newman, Tennessee, first tenor; Kelland Jeffords, Georgia, second tenor; Bruce Bennett, Tennessee, baritone; and Le-voy Johnson, Florida, bass.

Not to be easily forgotten is our congregational singing in the chapel services and our Sunday services. When 500 or more youthful voices join in singing praise, they really "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

The Junior College Honor Society, an organization for those students in the college division with high academic standing, achievement, character, and attitude, has selected for its charter members the following students:

Horace Allen, Leota Allen, Joan Bain, William Baker, Alene Beaver, Herman Bryant, John Cody, Joseph E. DeVore, John Findley, Margaret Gaines, Lewis Gresham, Geraldine Harris, W. M. Henry, Jr., Miriam Hillman, Imogene Jones, Claude E. Lall, William Lawton, Arthur Miller, Jack Pope, Walter Purcell, Wayne Rosson, Eugene Thomas, Waymon Thomas, Paul Walker, Cophilin Williams, Robert Willoughby, Johnnie Wilson, and Nettie Thomas.

This club was organized as a sequel to the Beta Club, a high school honor organization, and is under the sponsorship of Miss Pitts. A similar club for honor students in the Religious Education Division is being planned.

Our Boys and Girls . . .

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE

WILLIAM F. DYCH, Superintendent, Sevierville, Tennessee

Easter morning was bright and clear. Before breakfast there was a noticeable tension in the atmosphere. This was the BIG DAY. Breakfast over, cleaning all finished, the excitement began, especially at the Girls' Dormitory, where there was a flurry when each one put on her new dress. As the children came into the Auditorium for our Sunday School session, it seemed that from some unseen basket above, a large bouquet of flowers was being showered upon us. Smiles radiated from the faces of boys and girls alike. We all enjoyed the sweet story of the risen Christ Jesus, which is old, yet ever new.

After a special dinner, complete with fried chicken and dessert of ice cream, all the children gathered on

the lawn for their afternoon of play and fun. About an hour later, as the children looked down the road, Brother Frank McMahon was seen driving up to our Home in his "Smoky Mountain Stage Coach," a handmade replica of former Western Days, drawn by two ponies, flanked on either side and behind by "Lone Rangers." To the great joy of the boys and girls, as well as the many visitors, each child had a wonderful ride. The only thing missing was a "bandit," but how could there be one in such a happy crowd?

Following the rides, the bell was rung, and everybody scurried to his room, except a few of the older boys. They were busy, indeed, hiding the eggs which the girls had boiled and

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THE CHRISTIAN AND VICTORIOUS LIVING



WHAT BRINGS ABOUT THE NEW BIRTH

By Rev. W. H. Compton, Pastor
Delbarton, W. Va.

Being convicted by the Holy Ghost of sin, and repentance, such as the Bible demands, brings about the new birth. Luke 13:3, 5, "I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." There can be no new birth unless there has been a repentance. We repent; God forgives; and He is the One who causes us to be born again. We cannot do that of ourselves; it is a work of God.

We are taught in Acts 16:30, 31, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they say, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." This involves more than just saying, "I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ." Many people have said that, but that did not make Christians out of them. It could have, but it is obvious that it didn't, by the lives they live. Matt. 15:8, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." Friends, we have many who are of this type.

St. John 11:25, 26, "... he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Acts 8:36-38, "... What doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered, and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." Of course, this was real faith, otherwise Philip would not have baptized him.

Romans 10:9, 10, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto right-

eousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Acts 10:43, "... that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

It is important to remember that it takes more than just saying, "I believe," to become born again, and this

They Write

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is confirmed by the following scriptures: In Acts 8:9-25 we are told of a man who believed the preaching of Philip and was baptized in water, and when Simon was convinced that by the laying on of hands people were receiving the Holy Ghost, he wanted to buy that power, that on whomsoever he laid his hands they would receive the Holy Ghost. "But here Peter said, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me."

The preceding scriptures are definite proof that just because one says he believes in Christ does not get the job done. It takes more than just the uttering of words from the mouth.

Conclusion: Friends, why not consider this message, as it is on one of the most important doctrines in the Bible. We must receive the new birth before we can be sanctified and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Without the new birth, we could not have all the other blessings that we love so dearly. God bless you, is my prayer.

Crowns That Fadeth Not Away

Rev. P. H. McSwain

Rev. 4:4, "And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold."

These four and twenty elders seem to represent the company of the redeemed in heaven, for they are 1. Clothed with white raiment; 2. They worship the Lamb; 3. They are redeemed by the blood; 4. They are kings and priests of God and shall reign upon the earth. These crowns are symbols of the glory, the honor, and the power that was given to them by the Saviour as a reward for their faithfulness and the fulfillment of His promise. Let us see what these crowns are and how they are won.

AN INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN

1 Cor. 9:25, "Now they do it (self-denial) to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." Much self-denial was practiced by the Olympic runners in order to obtain a paltry wreath which withered and died in a few hours. How much more we should strive for the mastery, not in our own strength, but with the whole armour of God. Eph. 6:12. The crucifixion of

the old man (self-denial) is good assurance of a glorified body on the resurrection morning.

THE CROWN OF LIFE

James 1:12, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." This crown is given only to those who have been tried and approved; it is not for the Christian who is seeking to go to heaven on a bed of roses. It is for the humble saint who has borne afflictions and sorrows, tests and trials, persecutions and threatenings, yet counts it all joy that he is accounted worthy to suffer for His name's sake. Faithfulness to God in times of testing will receive its reward at that day.

THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

2 Tim. 4:8, "There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and ... unto all them also that love his appearing." This crown is won by "right" daily living and loving His appearing. Those who have secret sins need not expect to enter in, much less receive the crown of righteousness. Live every moment



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THE CROWN OF REJOICING

1 Thess. 2:19, 20, "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy." This is the soul-winner's crown. It is given when the soul-winner and the soul won meet in the presence of Jesus. Some say, "If I can just make it in," and think that is enough, while all around us hundreds are dying without the knowledge of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul's reason for hope and rejoicing was the fact that he had souls to present to the Lord. Isa. 8:18, "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me."

THE CROWN OF GLORY

1 Pet. 5:4, "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." This crown is given to those who have had the care of souls. Dear pastors, Sunday School teachers, Cradle Roll directors, "Be not weary in well doing: for in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not." Many know the hardships and sacrifices that go along with the ministry, but when our chief Shepherd shall appear, we

shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Rev. 4:10, 11, "The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power." The Roman soldiers crowned Him with thorns, but we shall cast our crowns of glory, honor, and power at His feet.

A SERMON I SAW AND FELT

C. R. Spain, State Overseer of Indiana

The family and I were returning from Carolina. The weather was very bad for driving. The fog and rain had slowed us down in Kentucky. Then the snow began to fall with the rain. As we crossed into Indiana, we were met with one of the hardest and thickest snowstorms that I have driven in. Our visibility was very limited. Snow had frozen on the headlights. The snow was falling so fast until the road and all tracks were completely covered. It became necessary for me to watch the mailboxes and side ditch so I would not leave the road. There was no other traffic to speak of, and the thought came to me, "What if you would slip and get stuck?" This and

other thoughts made me somewhat nervous. My wife also was uneasy, realizing what all could happen.

In these circumstances I looked over at the two boys. Both of them were sound asleep and seemed so peaceful, and furthermore, they had gone to sleep in the midst of the storm. Were they not in the same danger? Was not their position as dangerous as mine? Then the thought came to me, "Those little fellows can sleep because they know their daddy is at the wheel, and in him they have utmost confidence." Why couldn't they rest? They were trusting in the one at the controls.

Then the main thought came to me, "Is not your heavenly Father at the controls? If you would only trust in Him as your children trust you, you, too, would have that peaceful assurance." This is a day of storm and turmoil, but we must have faith in the One who is at the wheel. He has told us that we must become as little children, but too often we feel quite large, and that if we are cared for we must do it ourselves or worry about the matter. May all of us learn to trust more in the watchful care of our heavenly Father.

The critic will say the children did
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INTERESTING REPORTS

MOLLY O'DAY AND LYNN DAVIS REPORT FROM I. B. C.



As I sit and write this article, there is joy unspeakable in my heart; but yet, one note of sadness creeps in. The joy comes from being saved and filled with the precious Holy Ghost; the sadness, because we didn't start serving our blessed Saviour years ago.

Many people have asked us to write and tell about our conversion. First, I'll tell something about our lives before, not that we are proud of it, but that some lost soul will read this, and hear that joyful sound, "Jesus saves, Jesus saves."

Many of you have heard of Molly and me in one way or another. We have been on Columbia records for about six years, and on radio stations throughout the country. Even though we had all that the world has to offer, we were not happy. We searched far and wide, looking for happiness, but it wasn't to be found, in the world.

One day, a little over a year ago, we saw in the paper that Rev. James B. Reesor was going to be at the Church of God in Huntington, W. Va. We had heard of people being healed, so we decided to go. Molly had been under conviction for a long time. I told her time and time again that she was under conviction, and as Molly testifies now, she didn't put on quite as

much make-up that night. Well, to make a long story short, Molly was saved, and a few nights later I ran weeping to the altar and gave my heart to God. Just a few weeks later Molly received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

We joined the Church in Huntington, where, at the time, Rev. Luther Painter was the pastor. Molly and I cried when they called us Brother and Sister Davis; we had found that happiness we had been looking for so long. Brother Reesor asked us if we wouldn't like to go to Bible School. The more we thought about it, the more we wanted to go. So, after sending in our applications to the International Bible College (the Church of God school in Canada), we started out for Canada about the 15th of October. We arrived on Friday, October 20, and the opening exercises of the school were well under way. Never have I witnessed such an outpouring of the Spirit as we felt at the opening of school. We began to feel right at home.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Andrew Rafferty, our overseer and his wife, pitched right in to make all the students feel that they had known them all their lives. We really appreciate Brother and Sister Rafferty; they have been a blessing

to I. B. C. Then there are Brother and Sister Brostrom, Brother Charles Evans, and Sister Faye Dyer, who make up the finest teaching staff I have ever seen, all working together for one great cause, that of turning out laborers for the ever-whitening harvest fields. Time and time again we have had revivals start in our classrooms and sweep the whole countryside. In five days 15 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and praise God, I was one of the fifteen. In all, over 30 have received the Baptism since school started, and 24 have joined the church. We have 87 students in school, in the three departments.

We have tried to visit as many churches as possible since coming here. We were certainly glad to have been able to help out in the revival in Minot, where Rev. D. C. Boatwright is pastor. There were 22 saved and 45 filled with the Holy Ghost. God is still on the throne. We enjoyed visiting the Minot school and meeting the students there.

We are all looking forward to the time when we can be on the battlefield for the Lord. We can never repay the great price our Saviour paid for us. I thank God for I. B. C., where the Lord has met with us in a great way. If the Lord tarries, Molly and I plan to return to I. B. C. in October, and we extend a cordial invitation for you to meet us here. Thank God for the CHURCH OF GOD.—Lynn Davis.

THANK GOD FOR SHOWING ME HIS WAYS

I am a student of the Church of God International Bible College (I. B. C.) at Estevan, Sask., Canada. I am from Wilcoe, West Virginia.

One day as I was praying to God, realizing my need of the Scripture, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15, I knew God had called me to preach, but it seemed I lacked something. I needed studying from the Word of God. As I prayed, God spoke to me, telling me to go with Rev. James Reesor. I had seen Rev. Reesor before, but as far as going with him that was my last thought. I said, "God, you know I can't go." It was about two months later when I learned what God wanted me to do.

Rev. Reesor came to our church at Wilcoe, W. Va., to hold a revival. (My heart beat fast as I saw him, knowing the words that God had said.) One night after service Rev. Reesor asked me to go with him to his home, in Beckley, W. Va. Of course, I said I would go. About the first thing we began to talk about was I. B. C. So then I knew it was God's will that I come to the Bible School.

I have been a Christian for almost ten years, but never before have I had such wonderful blessings as here at I. B. C. The sick have been healed;

... Oh, Praise the Lord ...

NAMPA, Idaho—I praise the Lord for saving my soul, sanctifying me through His precious blood, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. Last night I was suffering with pain and could not sleep. I called upon God and He instantly helped me.—Franklin Hill.

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—I praise the Lord for what He had done for me. I suffered eight months with my leg and didn't know what was wrong with it, but God knew all about it and wonderfully healed it, for which I give Him all the praise. Pray for me that I will ever stay in the center of His will.—Mrs. L. M. Elixson.

MILLER, Ark.—I praise God for His healing power. I stuck a large nail in my toe, which became rather serious. I went to church and was prayed for, and God healed my foot. Also, last summer He wonderfully touched my eyes.—Billie M. Linn.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—I praise the Lord for healing my two boys. Each of them had a bad case of tonsillitis, and one had fever. It is wonderful to know that God heals, and I can never praise Him enough. I thank Him, too,

for healing me of a terrible sore throat.—Mrs. F. A. Sylvester.

STAUNTON, Va.—I praise God that I am saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. When a girl thirteen years of age, in the month of March, I had mastoid trouble for two weeks. Brother Ray Thompson and the other brother of the church prayed for me, and the Lord wonderfully healed me. He has healed me of serious diseases many other times. Pray that I will have a closer walk with Him at all times.—Miss Nancy Lee Samples.

CRAB ORCHARD, Tenn.—I thank the Lord for the deep settled peace I have in my soul. I thank Him because we can have our lives hid with Him in these days of perilous times and put our trust in Him as a child does his father. He has healed me so many times of various diseases, and He has also healed my little children. I can never thank Him enough for His goodness to me.—Nannie Sherrell.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I thank God for His precious love. He saved, sanctified, and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost. Pray for me.—Evelyn Wood.

News From Mrs. Swiger

The following is an excerpt from a letter from Sister Swiger while she was on a three weeks' tour of our mission fields:

I am having a wonderful time. I arrived about 9:30 at the airport, then went through customs and was out about 10. We went directly to the church where they were waiting and I had to preach. Every night it is about midnight when we get home from church. I had to speak twice on Saturday and always without warning. Some one else was on to speak and then I would suddenly hear my name out of the confusion (to me) of sound and there I was again!

I leave for Dom. Republic at 5 this evening and will arrive in time for service. So I shall be prepared this time. They are the easiest people to preach to that I have ever seen. They are far more eager and receptive. We have a wonderful interpreter here, Brother Colazo, Anna's uncle, and he will be in Dominican also. At least one has been saved each time I have spoken and Monday night there were three saved.

The white and black sit side by side in service and know no difference

in heart or even in mind or thought. You have never seen such sincerity in worship.

Sunday morning I went to the Is-

land of St. Thomas. I spoke in morning and evening services. I found two young people there for Lee—a lovely Spanish girl, 19, and a Spanish man who is a university graduate. He has just been saved from a terrible life and now he wants to study the Bible. They both want to come for the summer.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

MCDONALD

Sister Addie McDonald, of Waycross, Ga., died at the age of 82 years. She was a charter member of the Church of God in Waresboro, Ga. Sister McDonald was a precious saint of God and a mother in Israel. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. D. W. Mills, assisted by Rev. Joe E. Flowers, of Waycross. She is greatly missed, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain. Surviving her are two daughters, 4 sons, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.—D. W. Mills, her pastor.

ALLEN

Brother L. J. Allen departed this life Feb. 24, 1951, at the age of 81 years. He went to be with Jesus. He had been a member of the Church of God for many years. He was a man who lived the life and was loved by everyone that met him. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.—P. C. Sikes, his son-in-law.



OUR GUESTS

To the right, in this picture, is Mrs. Gainus Murphree (nee Beulah Mae Wheeler), head bookkeeper for the General Offices of the Church, and to the left is Mrs. Raymond Sanders (nee Pauline Davenport), private secretary to the General Secretary.

The Procuring Power of Bible Faith

J. C. VORE, Clarksburg, West Virginia

If it were possible to trade a basket of apples or a bag of potatoes for a new car, we would certainly be required to deliver or give up the apples or potatoes in order to get the car; but, such is not the case when we get something from God because of our faith in Him. We not only keep the faith we have, but have more added to it by having another prayer answered.

Paul tells us in Heb. 11:6 that without faith it is impossible to please God. The majority of people have lots of faith in things other than God, where it rightfully belongs. People will climb aboard an airplane, thinking it will surely get them to where they want to go, but many of them fall to land in safety. We gladly sign our name to a check and pass it through the railing of a bank before we get the money, proving our faith in that institution. But the farmer comes nearest to exercising a rational and divine faith in earthly things when he plants his field, hoping for a good crop at harvest time, for he knows that it is God's will for him to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, and if he does his whole duty, he will doubtlessly have bread for others, too.

The two blind men mentioned in Matt. 9:27-31 received their sight simply because of their unwavering faith in Jesus, who said to them, "According to your faith be it unto you." That same blessed Lord is saying that to us today. The apostle Peter was enabled to pay taxes exacted of him and Jesus, too, by acting upon the faith he had in Jesus' word when He told him where and how to get the money. Matt. 17:27.

It took a living, working faith in Jesus on the part of the Greek Syrophenician woman to have Jesus cast the devil out of her daughter (Mark 27:30), leaving her minus the devil but with a stronger faith than before.

Again, Peter found Jesus more than equal to the occasion when he and others had toiled all night without catching their much-needed draught of fishes. We hear Peter say, "Nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net," enclosing a vast amount of fish. We always gain by allowing the will of God to supplant our own.

It would not be hard to believe that Jesus, when teaching in the synagogue, spoke of the faith they could have, and, no doubt, as on other occasions, perceived that a poor distressed woman who had been bowed down by Satan for eighteen years had that faith, and He laid His loving, tender hand on her, and immediately she was made whole and caused to praise God, while the hypocrites were indignant because it was on the Sabbath day; but "straight talk" from Jesus put them all to shame, while the multitude loudly praised God for what they had seen and heard.

The ten lepers that cried, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us," had faith in Him, for Jesus said to the only one

who came to worship and praise Him, "The faith hath made thee whole," Luke 17:11-19.

The faith of the servants at the marriage feast in Cana was rewarded with an abundance of very fine wine because of their willingness to do as they were asked by Jesus and His mother, who was also present. John 2:1-11.

The healing of the nobleman's son was not only because the father believed, but resulted in the saving of himself and family. It is perfectly obvious that the impotent man who had had a serious ailment for thirty-eight years was really expecting to get relief from some source or he would not have been at the pool that was occasionally stirred by the angel. His impotency was attested by the fact that he was unable of himself to get into the pool before someone else beat him there. The Bible does not say how long he had been there, but it does say he got what he had most desired, and that the hypocritical Jews, as usual, found fault with Jesus for healing on their Sabbath day. In most cases today folks do not enjoy having their idol ignored, even though it be of far less significance. When Jesus asked a man born blind if he believed, and he said he did, Jesus restored his sight when He placed clay upon his eyes and told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam, which he did, proving his own faith in Jesus. John 9. Real faith never fails to buy.

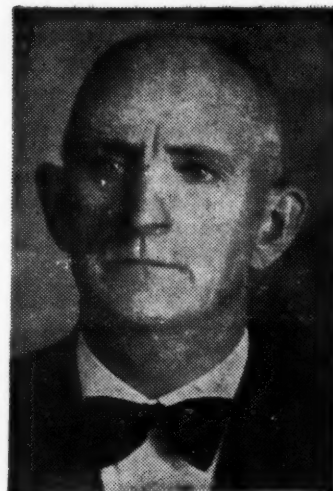
The Bible makes it plain that Mary and Martha had great love for and abiding faith in Jesus, for Mary said to Him, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother (Lazarus) had not died," John 11:32. Jesus loved that family with a tender, compassionate love, and lost no time in calling Lazarus, who had been dead four days, from the grave. John 11:43, 44.

The centurion's servant, who had palsy, was graciously healed by Jesus, who said to the centurion, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel," Matt. 8:10. Once again a living faith gets the answer.

Matt. 9:20 tells of a woman, who had had an issue of blood for twelve years, trying to elbow her way through a jostling crowd of curious people and was heard to say, "If I may but touch his garment, I SHALL be made whole." And when she did that, her faith made her whole.

Space will not permit the recalling of a host of faith victories recorded in the Bible, and some may say, "That all happened nearly 2,000 years ago, but what of today?" Well, today is still connected to the days of 2,000 years ago by this very permanent bridge found in Heb. 13:8, viz., "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and FOREVER."

Most folks believe that Jesus really honored what faith He found on earth in His day but are sometimes slow to be willing to trust Him today for even a minor ailment. If I believed the day



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of miracles was past, I would not bother to go near a revival service, for when and if a poor sinner prayed his way to the feet of Jesus and was pardoned of his sins, that would be a most remarkable miracle, indeed.

For God's glory, I will add my own experience in being rewarded for faith in Him. For fourteen years I was obliged to wear a rupture truss because of having fallen on the ice, and for more than six months or more I had had a very severe headache. On Jan. 19, 1950, a very precious man of God came to the local Church of God for two nights of healing services, it not being possible to stay longer. I went through the prayer line and was prayed for. I felt no apparent touch to body or soul, but from that night to this it has not been necessary to wear the truss (I don't even know where it is), nor have I ever had the headache. For some time after being prayed for I would have weak spells, and my heart bothered me at times. Several folks thought I had high blood pressure. That same brother was back for a short series of meetings, and I went through the prayer line again. But before this I had my blood checked, and it only registered 104, showing that it was low instead of high, as I had been told. Some few days later I was again checked, and it showed 106. That naturally helped my faith, for I was really expecting the trouble to disappear. A few weeks later my blood showed 128 over 70, which I was told was O. K. for a person of my age. To me that faith (if it can be called faith) that does not get an answer is like a fountain pen that will not write, or the promise of some church members who never keep their word.

If doubters would get in among the hundreds and even thousands of people who throng our modern healing services, and enjoy seeing God really work, as He surely does, they would have to admit that Jesus really is the same loving, compassionate Saviour the Bible says He was of old. Praise His name forever!

"born again," "the new birth," "sanctification," "heart purity," "living by faith," "the Spirit-filled life," "divine healing," "the divine atonement," "infallible inspiration of the Bible," "the vicarious suffering and death of Jesus Christ," "the virgin birth," "justification by faith." All of these terms, their use, and our experience and belief in them are not only a description of what we believe and who we are, but draw a very definite line of separation differentiating us from the lukewarm modernists who have been hoodwinked not only into journalistic compromise, but that of the general pulpit and classroom ministry, as well.

The face-reddening thing about it is that too often, when a fundamental group, association, institution, or college feels really fortunate in securing the services of a competent instructor in the field of journalism, confidence is betrayed. Journalism is certainly indispensable to the promotion, progress, and maintenance of our God-called, God-blessed, old-fashioned fundamental Christian denomination, but to have the minds of our writers and would-be writers poisoned by those whom fundamentalists should respect and give support to, is, I say, an intolerable, face-reddening thing. It is a fact that we admit shamefacedly our children are not being indoctrinated and acquainted with Biblical doctrinal terminology as carefully as they should be, and we accept the journalistic criticism as a challenge to devote more attention to this purpose. Yet, I am sure I express the sentiment of every fundamental Christian movement and every phase of their denomination

by saying that we are not ready to surrender, discard, delete, throw into comprising modernism's wastebasket Bible terms with which we have been inculcated from the cradle up. Another thing that is evident is an underrating of the ability of the children of fundamentalists, as well as those from non-Christian and non-fundamental homes. In fact, it seems too evident that this effort on the part of journalists to mystify our sacred terminology is nothing less than a cunning effort to lead the church away from the doctrines and teachings that are indispensable to the Christian life and progress of the church. Therefore, the contention that our fundamental terminology is vague, mysterious and difficult is apparently only a means to an end, the end being to remove our children farther and farther from the Bible itself and those spiritual experiences without which no man shall see the Lord. Their argument falls flat in light of the fact that even children, much less the youth, explore difficult studies of science and can converse quite intelligently on them. I, for one, do not feel that it is time now, or that the time will ever come, when it will be proper to stop talking about the new birth, sanctification, justification, divine healing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and living by faith; but I do think it is time that we be more explicit, thoughtful, and careful, both in teaching and preaching on these subjects, so that even the children can understand just what we mean; not only that, but that they may come into an experimental knowledge of these glorious experiences.

A SERMON I SAW AND FELT

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not realize the danger; therefore they were not afraid. Children do realize danger and show fear very much. Take the father out of the car and put a stranger at the wheel, and they will show the difference. Confidence will vanquish fear.

Sometimes I wonder if what we label dangerous is dangerous after all. Look at the lions' den. It was very dangerous. Now look at the same through God. Observe the flames of the furnace and feel the heat as it scorches and burns, but as we view the furnace as those young men did, in Daniel 3:16, 17, actually, where is the danger? Dangers may be all about us, but may our eyes be opened, as the prophet's servant's eyes were opened, to see God's host ready to deliver us. Psalms 34:7, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

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colored the day before. At the next bell, all the children gathered around "Papa Dych." When he said, "GO," they scattered in every direction, each with a bag to hold the eggs. When the count was made, some had filled their bags; others had not done so well; and little "Betty Teen" had exchanged her little bag for a big, strong shopping bag to hold her find—one egg. There was great fun for everyone.

At supper, the eggs which had furnished so much fun now furnished us with part of our meal. Sandwiches and milk supplemented the brightly colored eggs, and this was topped off by a delicious piece of cake, decorated

with "green" coconut and jelly eggs to resemble an Easter basket, for each one.

At the close of the day, we all gathered again in the Auditorium. Following a wonderful song service, conducted by our children, the boys presented their Easter program. We were made to realize why we have such a joyous day, and God was near to every heart.

We wish that it had been possible to have every supporter of the Orphanage with us so that you could see for yourselves that the children are being made happy, regardless of what bitter or sad experiences they have had in the past. We want you to know that every contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated, and all the children join in saying a big "THANK YOU" for such a wonderful HOME as this, for truly it is a "HOME," not just a place to live.

Continue to pray for our big family of children and workers, for our desire, above all, is to please God, live for Him here, and to make heaven our eternal home.—Mrs. William F. Dych.

PERSECUTION

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All this adds up to the fact that, generally speaking, where the Pentecostal Movement is suffering persecution today it shares the experience with other evangelicals, and it is not because of its distinctive testimony. On the other hand, in the very nature of the case the character of the Pentecostal revival is likely to force its participants into the forefront of those upon whom the brunt of the wrath of anti-Christian forces is likely to fall, for it is a live, jubilant, satisfying, aggressive, apostolic type of Christianity that its enemies most fear. The exponents of the Pentecostal revival in some places may be crude in their beliefs and methods, but their zeal is unquestioned. Others of us may at-

tempt a more reasonable presentation of our testimony, and seek honorable and scriptural ways and means of adjusting ourselves to whatever powers may be ordained of God to execute wrath upon evildoers. No Spirit-filled Christian should lightly invoke persecution by sheer folly. The whole Movement can ill afford any hindrance to the work of the gospel that arises through the fanaticism of any of its members that, in the final analysis, is simply the result of their not being "Pentecostal" enough in the true sense. We have urgent work today for sound teachers.

But with it all the portents all point to persecution. What then? The Pentecostal Church will simply revert to her primitive circumstances in which she shone with brightest lustre, and won most notable victories. "They which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen . . . went everywhere preaching the word . . . and the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord" (Acts 8:4; 11:19; 21). But as for Stephen, "all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel."

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